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how the cities are going. Manchester has spoken. What will Birmingham do?

GRAFT IN CONGRESS? Mr. Steffens starts well. He is going to let us know specifically a few things about affairs at Washington that we already know generally, but no less certainly. He is not on a hunt for the grafters. He knows who they are.

But we fear that Mr. Steffens makes a rather sweeping definition of bribery and corruption. "Cash bribery," he says, "is the least dangerous form on the subject of graft that we are likely to meet."

There is a proper employment for many of these things, else there would be no social life at Washington, and every congressman would be at war with every other, and chaos would ensue.

GETTING AWAY FROM WHEAT. The farmers of Whitman and Garfield Counties, in Washington, are considering the proposition of planting 6000 acres of sugar beets along the line of the Spokane & Inland electric road now under construction.

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newly annually selling dairy products, livestock and garden truck of a greater value than the combined wheat crop of half a dozen townships in the most prosperous year of their existence.

POLITICIANS AND NEWSPAPERS. The country editor has come to learn that the public always accepts him at his own valuation. Journalism is both a business and a profession. So far as it sells news as a commodity, it is a business; so far as it endeavors to direct public opinion and to influence public action, it is a profession.

Some country editors look upon themselves as semi-public charges, like many country preachers, and subsist largely on donations made through the good nature and the charity of their patrons or neighbors. This type, we hasten to add, is rapidly disappearing from the country press, which weekly journalism has not so high a place in the respect of its readers or the confidence of its advertisers as the country editor thinks it should have.

THE BASIS OF THE PILOT'S OBJECTION TO THE NORTHERN PACIFIC BRIDGE AT ST. JOHNS IS THE NARROWNESS OF THE CHANNEL BETWEEN THE PROPOSED SITE OF THE BRIDGE AND THE FOOT OF SWAN ISLAND.

IN THE MATTER OF POLITICAL ADVERTISING. We commend the resolution adopted by the Oregon Press Association, which is a commendation of the profession of officeholders, to become more than ever an individual and personal matter with the advertiser, and the average newspaper, city and country, will be more and more subject to the importunities of the persistent man-after-a-job for notice and commendation.

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across the water have no need of concessions in transportation facilities to the Far East, and they are receiving none.

THE "FORCE OF LIFE" BUNCO ARTISTS have by their work proved themselves past masters in the art of gulling the public. Some illiterate but expressive philosopher once put into circulation the coarse but truthful proverb that "there is a sucker born every minute."

THE ASSASSINATION OF EX-GOVERNOR STEINBERG WAS DELIBERATELY PLANNED and was executed with a strict attention to detail which proves that it was the work of a man or men who were fully as crafty and cunning as they were merciless and bloodthirsty.

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THE SILVER LINING.

The man who does a little less than is expected of him is the dangerous factor in all business. Give a hundred and one cents' worth of value for every dollar you receive.

What is the finest quality in human character? It is not truthfulness. The youth that is taught to speak the truth cannot but be honest, brave, self-respecting, ultimately capable. The man or woman who speaks the truth cannot but have friends and love and genuine success—for, in a world of lies and evasions, such an one is as a rock in the midst of a quicksand.

When Bruin told a woman criminal that there was a price on her head, she asked him if it was on straight, and how he is scratching his own head trying to find out what she meant. That's straight.

Some success is born of conceit and much conceit is born of success. The average American woman has the voice of a peacock.

The pathology of football is thus summed up by the surgeons: "The xiphoid, costo-vertebral, dislocation of the xiphoid cartilage, dislocated semilunar cartilage, traumatic valvular fracture of the xiphoid, dislocation of acromial and clavicle, middle meningeal hemorrhage, hematoma of the ear."

It is related that a Columbia River logger went to a Portland hotel to get a room, and left in disgust because he was assigned to a room provided with a feather bed. He was accustomed to sleeping on a "bunk," with only a blanket under him.

One King They Didn't Know. Fairbanks (Alaska) News. CHRISTIANIA, Dec 2.—King Haakon has taken the oath before Parliament.

WATERSON'S OPINION OF KENTUCKY. Hear Colonel Waterston on present political conditions down in Kentucky. In never has Kentucky touched so low a point, nor have Kentuckians heard such shocking tales of brutality and wrong in our elections, in our political machinery and in the public service.

GAS AND THE PEOPLE.

Portland Advertiser. And now it's the Portland Gas Company. Portland people are possibly unaware of the distinction which is being thrust upon them, for soon must this gas company, continually enlarging the grasp of its tentacles and waxing fat upon its grafted spoil, be ranked along with the Standard Oil and the Beef Trust.

Next in the bold scheme of robbery is the imperfect plumbing by which gas escapes continually. The meter, of course, recording the leakage along with the actual consumption of gas.

THE GREAT TRACTION MERGER. A Great Belmont-Ryan Stock-Jobbing Scheme, Remindful of 1901. The reported last week the purchase of the surface railroads of New York City by the capitalists who have been so long elevated and subway systems. This transaction proves to be rather a merger of the two, and is founded on a stock-watering operation of gigantic proportions.

Ten Fortunes—\$2,000,000,000. Harper's Weekly. Today it is computed that there are in the United States no fewer than 70 estates that average value \$25,000,000 each. There are ten private fortunes aggregating \$2,000,000,000, namely, of John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, Marshall Field, W. K. Vanderbilt, John Jacob Astor, J. P. Morgan, G. B. Russell, J. C. Hill, Senator W. A. Clark, and William Rockefeller.

A Nation's Strength. Emerson. What builds the nation's pillars high? Its foundations strong? What makes it mighty to stand? The foe that's round it throng?

NEWSPAPER WAIFS. Her—"Were you ever in love?" Him—"Yes. Her—And are you still in that funny mood?" Her—"Oh, no. I'm married now."—Chicago Daily News. "Pop." "Yes, my son." "What is it a man has to do to get married?" "It is simple as this." "I really don't know, my boy." "Why, his breath?"—Tonkers Statesman.

DEPEW'S DIRECTORATES.

New York Evening Sun. Senator Depew says that the statement relative to his retirement on his 72 birthday from the companies with which he is at present associated is misleading in that it omits to mention the fact that his previous intention is to retain his position with the Vanderbilt lines, which he explains is largely honorary, and which will not prevent him devoting full attention to his duties in the Senate.

These are principal companies of which Depew is trustee or director: American Safe Deposit Company. American Surety Company. The Bagdad-Chase Gold Mining Company. Bagdad Mining & Milling Company. Peck Creek Railway Company. Benjamin Chase Gold Mining Company. Brooklyn Warehouse and Storage Company. Buffalo, Erie Rarail Road Company. Buffalo, Thousand Lakes & Portland Railroad Company. Canada Southern Bridge Company. Canadian Southern Railway Company. Carthage & Albany Railway Company. Carthage, Watertown & Sackett's Harbor Railroad Company. Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company. Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company. Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Company. Clearfield & Allegheny Coal Corporation. Clearwater and Raquette Lake Railroad. Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad. Columbus, Hope & Greensburg Railroad. Delaware & Hudson Company. Dunkirk, Allegheny Valley & Pittsburgh Railroad. Equitable Life Assurance Society (reinstated already handed in, but not yet acted upon). Fifth Avenue Trust Company. Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville Railroad. Fulton Chain Railway Company. Fulton Navigation Company. Governor & Osegoville Railroad Company. Jersey City & Bayonne Railroad Company. Kenaco company. Lake Erie, Alliance & Wheeling Railroad. Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company. Mahoning Coal Railroad Company. Michigan Central Railway Company (a subsidiary company of the Equitable Life Assurance Society). Merchants' Dispatch Transportation Company. Michigan Central Railroad Company. Buffalo, Midland & Canada Railroad Company. National Bank of Commerce a subsidiary of the Mutual Life. National Surety Company. New Jersey Joint Railroad Company. New Jersey Short Line Railroad Company. New York & Ottawa Railway. New York & Hudson River Railroad. New York & Putnam Railroad. New York Central Niagara River Railroad Company. New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Company. New York State Branch & Terminal Company. Niagara Falls Branch Railroad. Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company. Norfolk & Southern Railroad Company. Oneida & Hamilton Railroad Company. Raquette Lake Railway Company. Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad Company. Rutland Railroad Company. St. Lawrence & Adirondack Railroad Company. Southern, Dupuy & Port Morris Railway Company. Standard Trust Company. Syracuse, Geneva & Corning Railway Company. Terminal Railway of Buffalo. Tivoli Hollow Railroad. Toledo, Canada Southern & Detroit Railway Company. Utica Electric Light & Power Company. Union Trust Company of New York. Utica & Black River Railroad. Walkill Valley Railroad Company. Western Union Railroad. Western Union Telegraph Company. Yale University.

THINGS DOING IN OREGON.

Back Again With Nose Before Him. Starbuck Note. R. M. Mitchell, our big barber with the jovial nose, after a two-weeks' visit down in Walla Walla, has come home again at work, making the fur fly.

Rib Broken by a Warehouse. Nyssa News. Mr. Snow, who had a rib broke Christmas as the result of a portion of the Forwarding Company's warehouse breaking through, is getting along nicely.

What Lockwood's Pig Can Do. Enterprise Chieftain. C. M. Lockwood has a pig that has the distinction of being the only one in Enterprise that can jump down a well 20 feet deep and be hauled out without being hurt a particle. This extraordinary stunt was performed by this extraordinary pig Tuesday morning.

Strictly Business on a Toll Road. V. A. W. Schlapoff Headlight. V. A. W. Schlapoff was held up on the Wilson River road by a little girl, and she made him dig his pockets. The little girl gave him for holding him up.

Ninety-Two Danced, One Drunk. Pilot Rock Record. As an indication of the strenuousness of county life it is mentioned that 92 numbers were sold for the dance at Pilot Rock Monday night. The atmosphere of the old hall was heavy with dust and foul odors, but the gay customers tripped the light fantastic until daylight. There was some money left in the old town as a result of the dance. The two saloons took in \$200.00. The boys had a good time and about \$50 for supper. One young man, under age, was arrested for being drunk, which is a good showing, considering the amount of "booze" sold.

Why Not? Before we discover the North Pole in a balloon, why not have a first discover an airship?—Louisville Courier-Journal. Her—"Were you ever in love?" Him—"Yes. Her—And are you still in that funny mood?" Her—"Oh, no. I'm married now."—Chicago Daily News. "Pop." "Yes, my son." "What is it a man has to do to get married?" "It is simple as this." "I really don't know, my boy." "Why, his breath?"—Tonkers Statesman. Misguided Waits (of slender repertoire, but vast persistence) "Isn't there? If I come down to you I'll make you alter your opinion."—Lodge. Hostess—"And do you really believe in Christian Science?" Visitor—"Well, you see, I've been getting rather stout lately, and it's such a comfort to know that I really have no body!"—Punch. Mrs. Kratchett—"Bridget, I don't like the looks of that man who called to see you last night. Bridget—"Well, see you it wasn't Bridget!"—The same about you."—Philadelphia Ledger. Johnnie—"Pa, won't you please buy me a microscope to help me study my arithmetic?" Papa—"What good will a microscope do you?" Johnnie—"I just read in this paper that they multiply rapidly."—Lodge. The Judge—"But, if you tutored your horn, how is it that the plaintiff did not hear you?" Plaintiff—"I was so sure, your Honor, that the jury would be so entirely to the inferior velocity of sound." "Do you think that the corporation men were going to run the Government?" "No," answered Senator Burleigh. "Don't think they will give their time to it so long as they build a nation's credit."—Washington Star.